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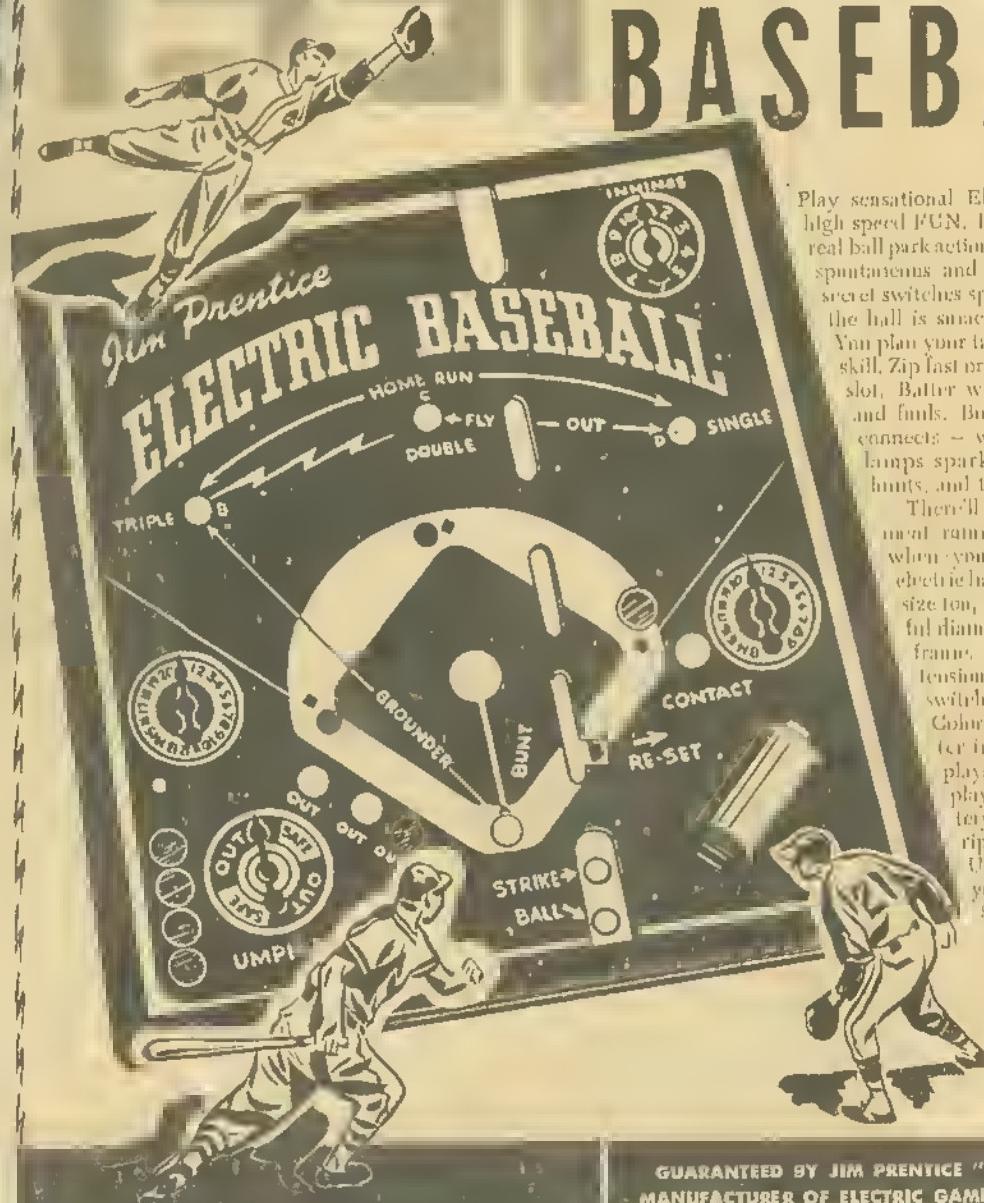


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HI, TINA! I'M SUPPOSED TO MEET TED AT THE GYM! HE SAID HE HAD SOMETHING TERRIBLY IMPORTANT TO SHOW ME!



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WELL, IF THIS ISN'T A PRIVATE AFFAIR, I'D LIKE TO COME ALONG!

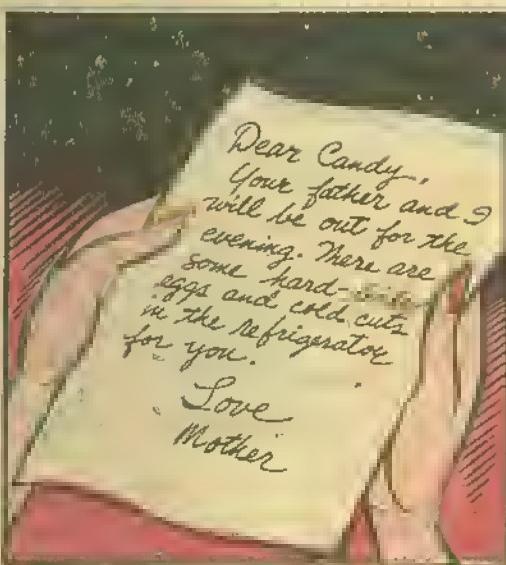
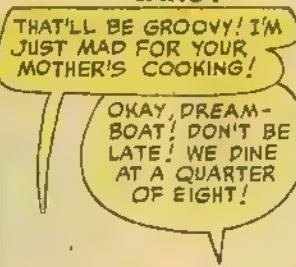
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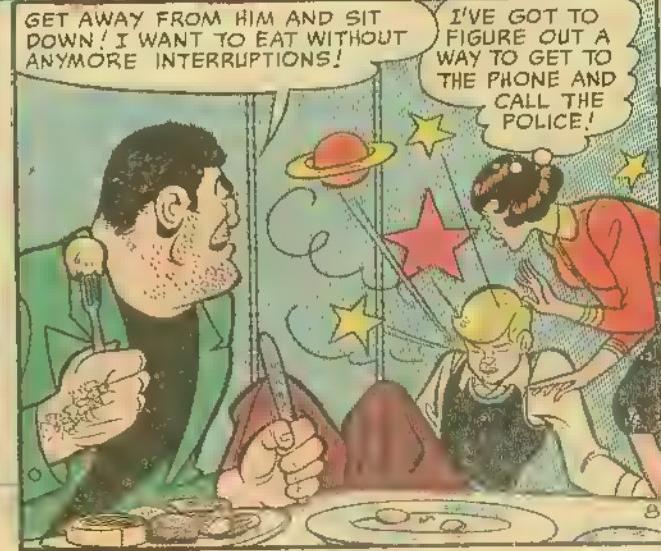
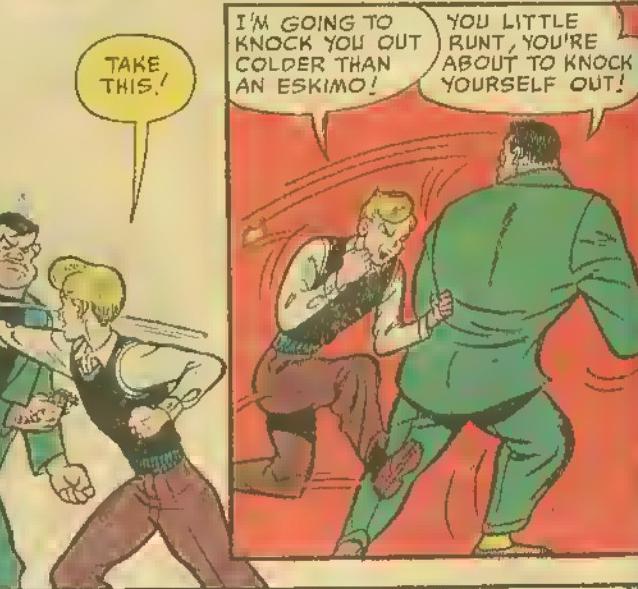
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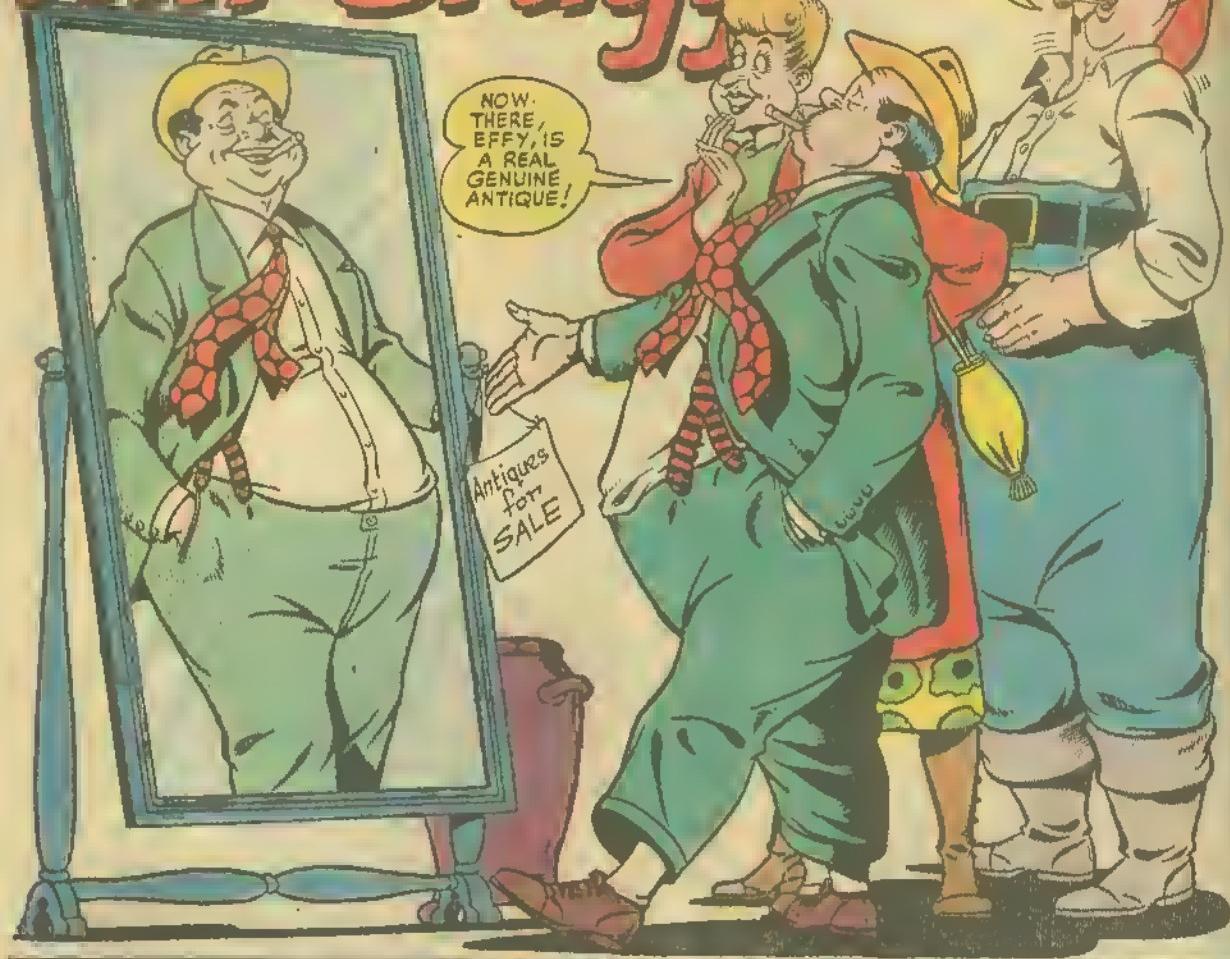
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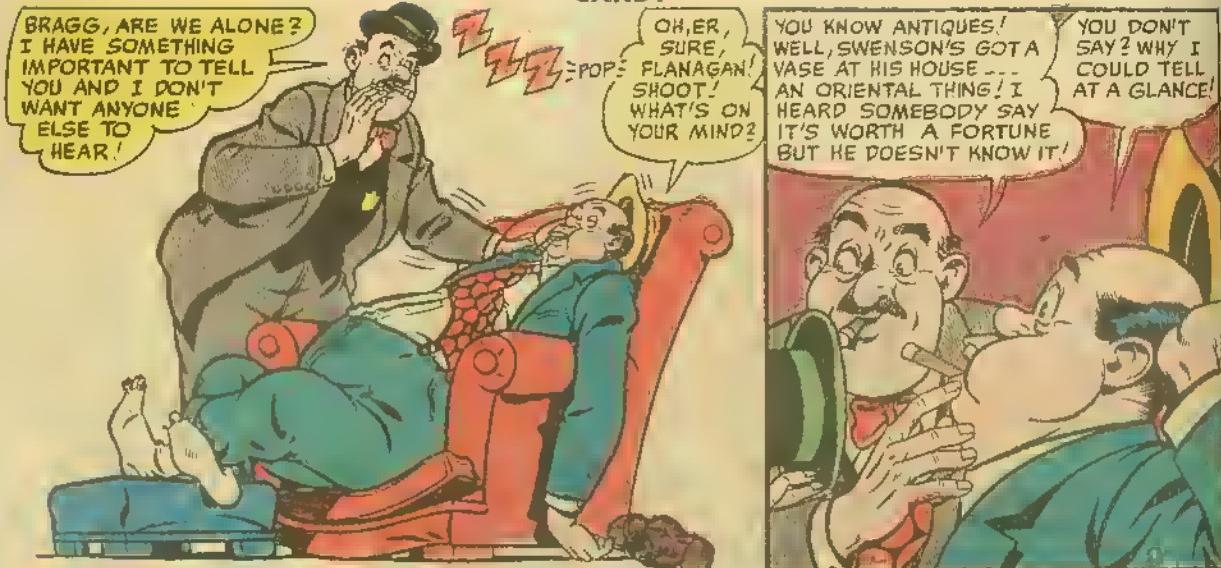
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SORRY, MR. SWENSON, BUT THIS IS JUST A CHEAP PIECE OF PLASTER! IT PROBABLY RETAILED AT TWO DOLLARS WHEN IT WAS NEW!

THEN IT'S NOT A GENUINE CHINESE MING...? GULP!

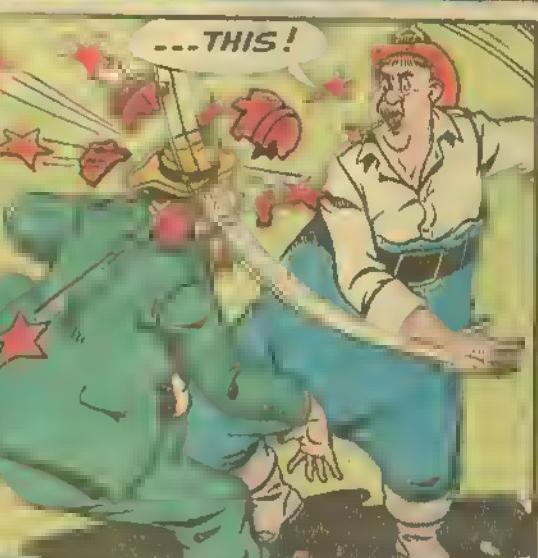


HI, SWENSON! WHO'S THE SUCKER NOW? HUH? WILL BRAGG! HOW DID YOU KNOW WE CAME HERE?



ME ALLEE TIME KNOW VASE NO GOOD! HEE, HEE! ME SMART ART DEALER! ME USE HEAD!

NOW, I GET IT! YOU'LL USE YOUR HEAD NOW, YOU CHEAP CHISELLER, LIKE--



OF ALL THE DOUBLE-CROSSERS! HE MADE THAT CALL! HE CAUSED ALL THE TROUBLE!

YA KNOW, I DIDN'T THINK BRAGG WAS THAT BRIGHT! I GOTTA HAND IT TO HIM!



WILL, DARLING, I'VE BEEN LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

WITH FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS IN COLD CASH IN MY POCKET? I'LL SAY!



FROM NOW ON, EFFY, I THINK I'LL DEAL EXCLUSIVELY IN ORIENTAL ART! I'VE FOUND IT PAYS OFF, IF YOU USE YOUR HEAD!



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AND THE NIGHT OF THE CONTEST...

CANDY, YOU'RE PRETTIER THAN A STRAWBERRY SUNDAE!

YOU'RE LOOKING PRETTY SHARP YOURSELF, TED! WAIT... THERE'S THE PHONE!



... SO COULD YOU AND TED PICK US UP SO THAT WE WON'T BE LATE FOR THE DANCE?



WITH CANDY AND TED STRANDED ON THAT DESERTED ROAD, THE FIRST PRIZE IS JUST WAITING FOR ME TO TAKE IT!

MISS CLYDE? I'M FROM THE ARTHUR FLURRY STUDIOS! I'M READY TO ESCORT YOU TO THE DANCE!



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HELLO...

CANDY, THIS IS TRISH! OUR CAR BROKE DOWN AND WE'RE STUCK RIGHT NEAR THE OLD HENNESEY PLACE?



SURE THING, TRISH! WE HAVE JUST ENOUGH TIME TO MAKE IT IF WE START RIGHT AWAY!

OKAY, CANDY! BE SEEING YOU SOON!



And a short time later...

CAN'T YOU SPEED IT UP A LITTLE, TED? I DON'T GET IT! I CAN'T START THIS JALOPY NOW. WE'RE STALLED!



OUT OF GAS! BUT I HAD THE TANK FILLED BEFORE I PICKED YOU UP TONIGHT! IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE DOESN'T WANT US AT THE CONTEST!

AND THERE ISN'T A CAR IN SIGHT?



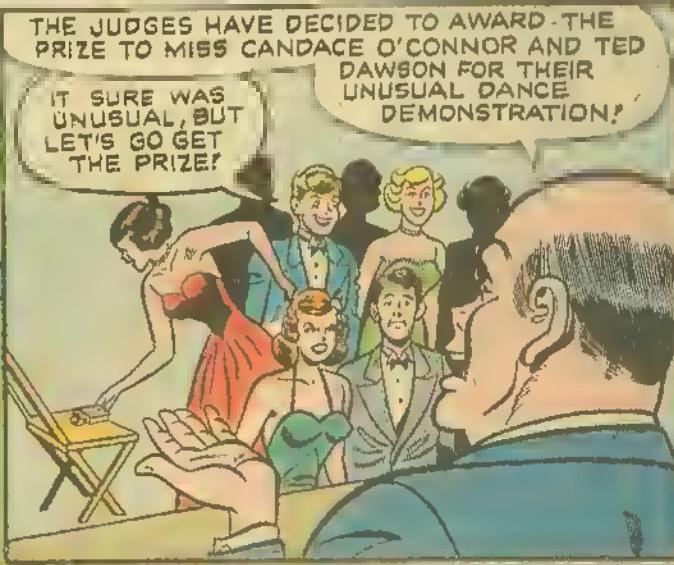
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CANDY'S CANDY KITCHEN

MRS. O'CONNOR was away for two weeks visiting relatives so Ted wasn't surprised to find Candy in the kitchen when he stopped by that afternoon. She was stirring something over the stove as Ted stuck his head in the door.

"Hi, kitten," he called to her. "Fixin' dinner for your dad?"

"No," answered Candy as she turned to give Ted a welcome smile. "He has a business date tonight! So I'm making something you'll like—chocolate nut fudge!"

"Mmm," grinned Ted, smacking his lips and seating himself to wait for the sweet treat! "Sure sounds swell! I won't budge till I get some of that fudge!"

It turned out to be creamy and tasty and terrific, as usual! Candy had quite a reputation for the delicacy! They hardly gave it time to cool before they ate it! Then Ted came with an idea!

"Gate, wait!" he yelled, jumping up. "I think I've hit on something! A way for us to make vacation money!"

"Money?" queried Candy. "I'm all ears, joy boy! What's straining your brain?"

"Candy's Candy Kitchen! It's a natural! What say we pool our allowances and you make the fudge and I'll sell it? How can we lose?"

"It's super, Ted," squealed Candy. "Why didn't we ever think of it before?"

So it was decided that they would be partners in business! Ted took their combined resources and went to the grocery store to get the necessary ingredients for their first big batch! It required sugar, chocolate, milk, butter, nutmeats and vanilla! Ted bought as much as their allowances would allow! As he came rushing back toward the O'Connor house, he met Tina!

"Tina," Ted told her proudly, "Candy and I have a colossal scheme! We're going to make and sell fudge from Candy's Candy Kitchen!"

"Gosh, that's great," beamed fat Tina who was always interested in anything that was edible! "I'll buy the first pound! And I'll tell Trish and Orville and all the gang about it and drum up customers for you!"

"Thanks," said Ted. "That'll be a big help in gettin' us started!"

When Ted returned, Candy was bustling around to get big pots and pans ready for the mass production job. Ted helped as best he could and, before long, they had all the ingredients mixed together and were turning the O'Connor kitchen into a candy factory! It sounded like a sure fire success! With all the gang ready to buy, how could they fail?

Candy had just put four big pots of fudge over all four gas jets when the front doorbell rang! Ted answered the door and there were Tina and Trish and the whole gang!

"Thought we'd drop around and look in on the venture," shouted Tina. "And we'll be right on hand to buy the sweet stuff when it's ready!"

"It's almost too good to be true," cried Candy gratefully, coming from the kitchen! "You're all simply swell! We'll christen the new undertaking with cokes, if you'll make yourselves at home!"

Ted helped Candy to open and serve cokes to the gang! Somebody put a platter on the record player and the Candy Kitchen was launched with a party! Candy was proud and happy and enting a rug with Ted when she smelled something burning!

"The fudge," she gasped! She ran to the kitchen with Ted following! Sure enough, the kitchen was filled with smoke! She jerked the pots and pans off the stove and they were black and charred from burnt chocolate and sugar and butter and milk!

Candy couldn't hold back the tears! "Ted," she sobbed, "I've ruined everything!"

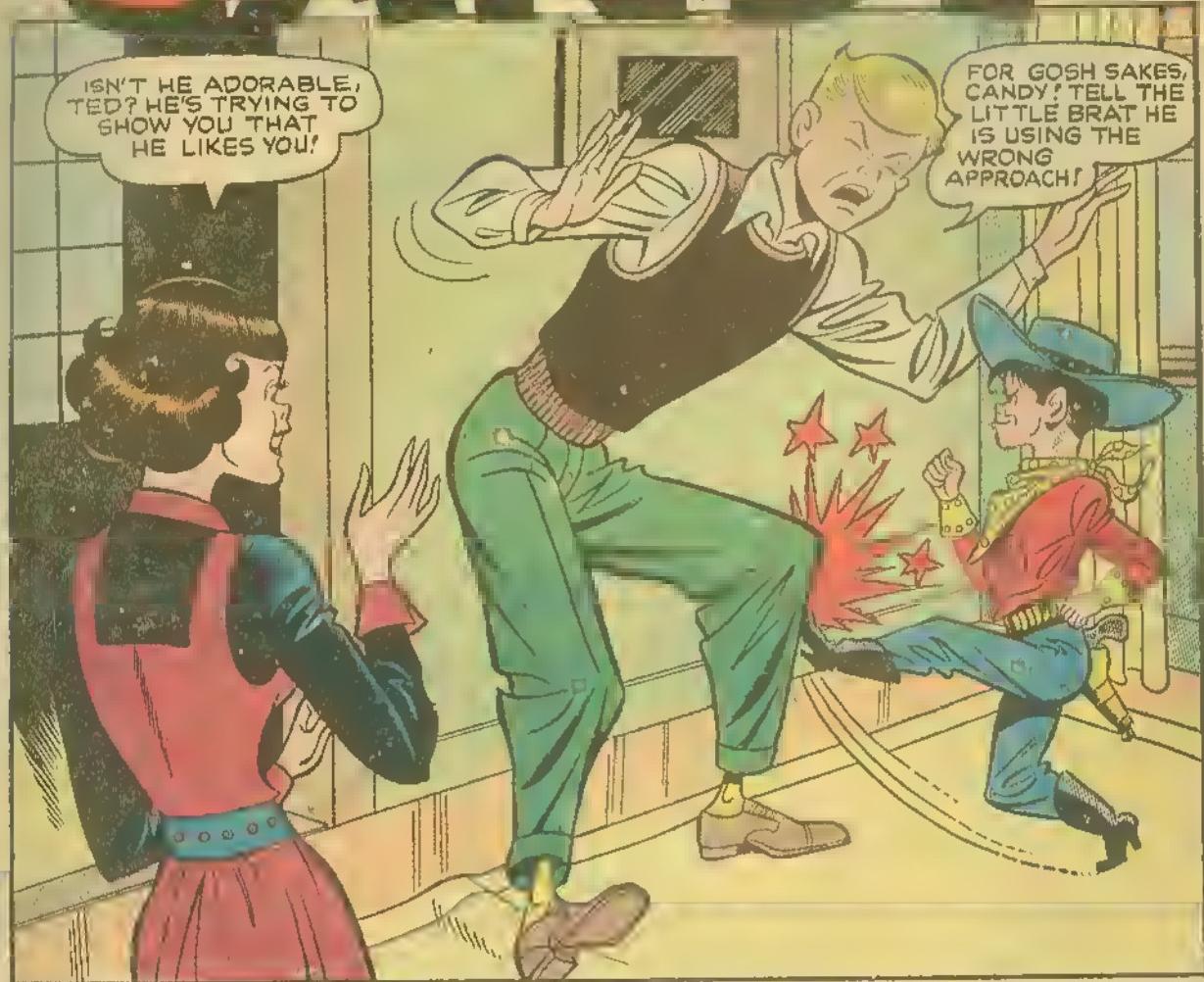
"Don't take it too hard, pet," he consoled her. "It's not the first business venture that's gone up in smoke!"

"But," he grinned, "our allowances are burned up, too! I guess we'll have to spend our dates for the rest of the month just sitting on the porch! No dough!"

"That'll be okay," smiled Candy, mopping her eyes! "I (sniff) I think it'll be kinda sweet!"

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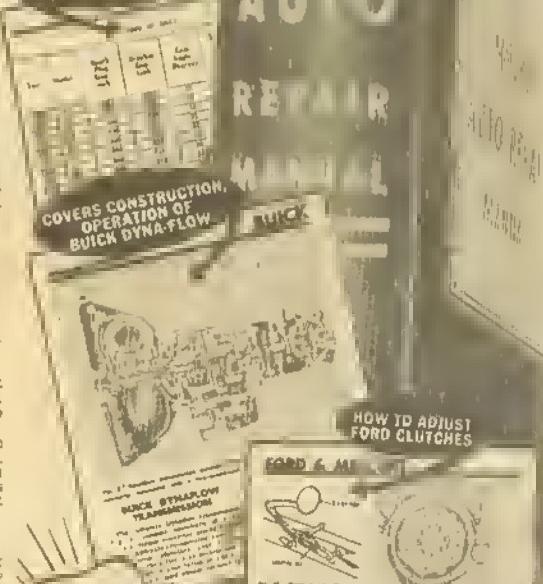
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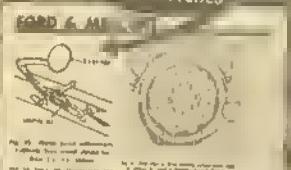
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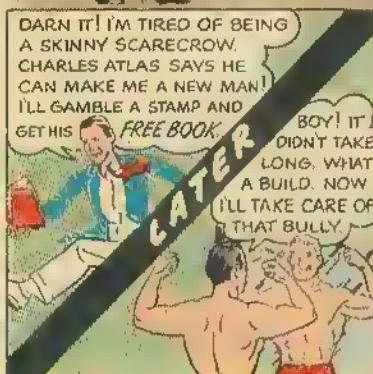
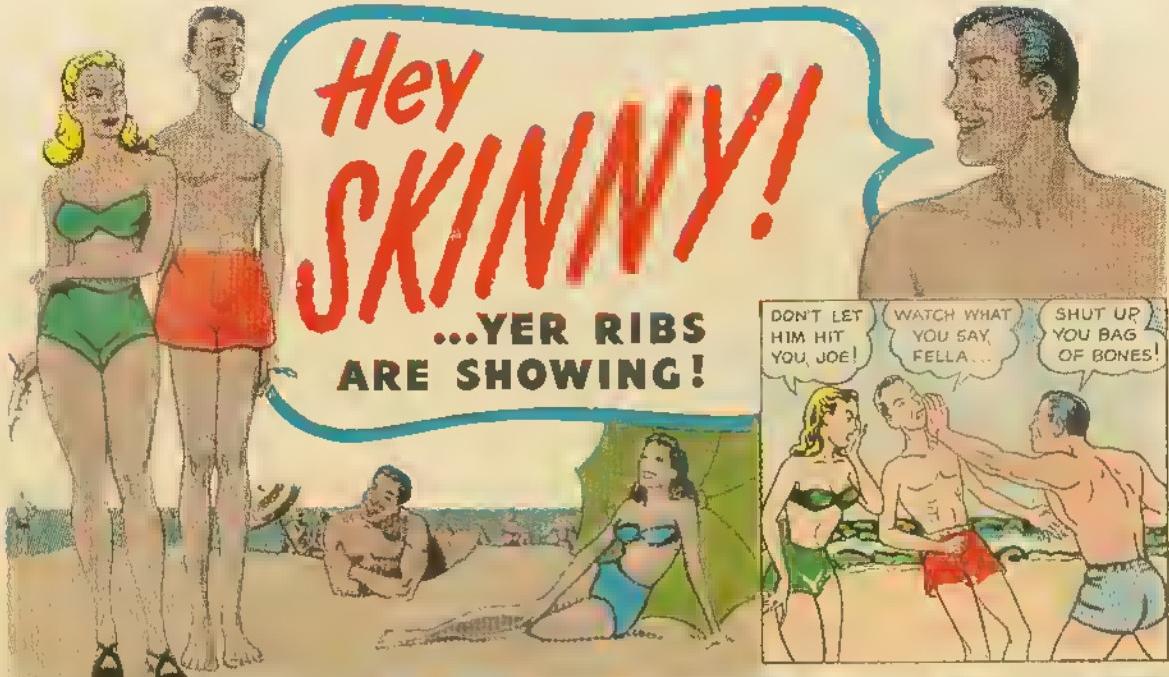
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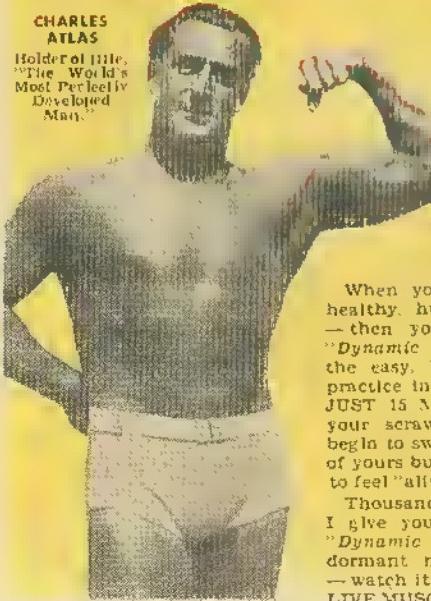
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